

Missouri Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management
January 26, 2006
1:00 p.m.
Hawthorne Conference Room

Attendees: Lori Ladd, Raymond Tait, Maggie Hilmer, John Lucio, Laura Krasser,
Deanna Bates, Bruce Harrison, Jane Leshner, Tricia Schlechte, Desiree Mowry

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Tricia Schlechte, Chair of the Council called the meeting to order.	FYI
Approval of December 8, 2005 Minutes	Minutes from the December 8, 2005 meeting were previously emailed to members of the Council to review.	Lori Ladd moved to accept the December 8, 2005 minutes. Laura Krasser seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed.
Annual Report	Draft report approved with changing references from 'pain management' to 'pain and symptom management'	Changes will be made. Report with cover letter signed by Director Eckstein will be sent to Governor Blunt, Speaker Jetton, and Senator Gibbons to meet February 1 deadline. Report will be posted on web site and copy emailed with minutes.
Joint Policy on Pain and Symptom Management	<p>Examples of Joint Policy Statements on Pain were emailed to the group prior to the meeting. Tricia created a spreadsheet (attached) to highlight the differences among them.</p> <p>Members noted that the last time the Council met with the boards regarding a joint policy statement, there was little interest. However, members also noted that the joint statement was a recommendation made at the end of a meeting designed to discuss more continuing education (CE) requirements to which the boards were not receptive.</p> <p>The boards may be more receptive if the Council prepares the statement and presents it to them. Resistance may not reflect disinterest. Discussion of the purpose of this document</p>	

	<p>included: boards commitment to acknowledge and work together on pain and symptom management; increase awareness among health professionals, acknowledge that treatment is available and includes a variety of methods.</p> <p>Discussion also occurred about expanding the statement to reference all health care professionals involved in pain and symptom management and all applicable boards. The Council decided to have a subcommittee draft a Joint Policy Statement.</p> <p>The Council discussed minimum elements they would like to see in the joint policy statement, to guide the subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on more than just end of life pain • clear purpose • reference scope of practice of the professions • pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches • quality of life • generalist approach vs. prescriptive • definitions 	<p>The members of the subcommittee include: Lori Ladd, Jane Leshner, Laura Krasser, John Lucio, and Ray Tait.</p> <p>Desiree will facilitate conference calls as needed for the group.</p> <p>Once draft is prepared, it will be shared with all members for comment and will be agenda item for discussion at April meeting.</p>
Educational Opportunities	<p>Tricia suggested that the Council may want to consider sponsoring speakers at annual state conferences of health professional organizations.</p> <p>Other educational ideas that were brought up include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a panel of people with questions and answers – then burn onto a CD and distribute • Webcast • Send out mailings to health care professionals when they need to renew their license • Put together a brochure <p>The Council will look for brochures already out there instead of creating new ones. University of Wisconsin is resource for materials.</p>	<p>Maggie Hilmer and Deanna Bates will look for educational brochures on pain and symptom management.</p> <p>Council members should email Tricia or Desiree with 2007 dates for statewide conferences from their respective groups.</p>

<p>Web Page</p>	<p>Bruce Harrison brought to the council's attention several problems with the pain and symptom management website.</p> <p>First, you can only reach the website by going to "Topics A – Z" and clicking on "Pain and Symptom Management." It is rather hard to find.</p> <p>When you get to the current website there are eleven different links to click on – they are all under the heading of Advisory Council and the subheading of Annual Report. However, only the first two deal with the annual report. "Executive Summary" leads to the Executive Summary for the Annual Report, followed by a link for the 2005 annual report.</p> <p>The link for the Progress Report Card takes you to the University of Wisconsin Cancer Center website and is a little confusing. You can access the report card from that site, but it might be a little confusing to the public.</p> <p>Under PSM Guidelines, Manuals and Standard website links there is a page that sites guideline books, but gives no way to reference them. It also has no website links and gives no access to manuals.</p> <p>The websites that the council looked up and collected are on a draft website that is not yet "live." This website has the list of the websites that the council compiled and they are listed under related links.</p> <p>Other links such as Frequently Asked Questions and Guidelines were not active links.</p>	<p>Tricia and Desiree will address recommended changes to web page.</p> <p>Tricia and Des will recommend that it be displayed under "Topics A – Z," "About DHSS," and under the pictures of "Health" and "Senior Services."</p>
<p>Membership Terms</p>	<p>When the Council was created members were staggered regarding the expiration of their terms. However, there is no record of who was to serve a year term and who was to serve a two year term. Consequently, Tricia Schlechte</p>	<p>Tricia and Des will follow up with council members not in attendance to see if they want to continue to serve and if so the length of term they would like to begin with.</p>

	asked members to select at this point the term length they would like to serve.	
Vice Chair Election	The Council decided to table election to the next meeting as people had to leave early and there was no longer a quorum.	The vice chair election will be at the beginning of the next meeting.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2006.	FYI

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chair, Board of Pain and Symptom Management